In the Claims:

Claim **1** ~~A polycondensation product~~ In the production of refractory articles, the improvement comprises using a powdered polycondensation product produced by reacting a bisphenol residue from the production of bisphenols with an aldehyde in an acidic medium.

Claim **2** ~~A polycondensation product~~ In the production of claim 1, ~~wherein~~ the bisphenol residue is from bisphenol A production.

Claim **3** ~~A polycondensation product~~ In the production of claim 1, ~~wherein~~ the aldehyde is formaldehyde.

Claim **4** (cancelled).

Claim **5** ~~The method~~ In the production of claim ~~4~~ 1, ~~wherein~~ at least one phenolic compound is added to the reaction mixture of bisphenol residue and aldehyde.

Claim **6** In the production of refractory molded bodies, the improvements comprising~~ing~~ es using a powdered polycondensation product produced by reacting a bisphenol residue from the production of bisphenols with an aldehyde in an acidic medium ~~of claim 1~~.

Claim **7** In the production of molded non-woven fabric elements, the improvement comprising es using a powdered polycondensation product ~~of claim 1~~ produced by reacting a bisphenol residue from the production of bisphenols with an aldehyde in an acidic medium.

Claim **8** In the production of unmolded articles used in the refractory industry, the improvement comprising using a powdered polycondensation product ~~of claim 1~~ produced by reacting a bisphenol residue from the production of bisphenols with an aldehyde in an acidic medium.

Claim **9** (newly presented) In the production of Claim 5, the phenolic compound is phenol.

Claim **10** (newly presented) In the production of Claim 1, the polycondensation product is dissolved in a solvent.

Claim **11** (newly presented) In the production of Claim 10, the solvent os high boiling.

Claim **12** (newly presented) In the production of Claim 10, the solvent is selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, polyglycols and phthalates.